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SUBJECT: SOMALI PRESIDENT VISITS MADAGASCAR; DENIES SOVIET BASE  
IN SOMALIA

1. SOMALI PRESIDENT SIAD BARRE, EN ROUTE HOME TO MOGADISCIO FROM INDEPENDENCE CEREMONIES IN MOZAMBIQUE, PAID WHIRLWIND 4-HOUR VISIT TO MADAGASCAR TO PARTICIPATE IN CELEBRATION OF MALAGASY INDEPENDENCE DAY JUNE 26. SIAD BARRE, WHO WAS ONLY FOREIGN CHIEF OF STATE AT INDEPENDENCE DAY CEREMONIES IN TANANARIVE, TOOK REVIEW OF TROOPS AT MILITARY PARADE WITH NEW MALAGASY CHIEF OF STATE DIDIER RATSIRAKA, AND WAS GUEST OF HONOR AT STATE LUNCHEON. EXCHANGE OF SPEECHES BETWEEN THE TWO CHIEFS OF STATE AT LUNCHEON CONSISTED MAINLY OF GENERALITIES ON MUTUAL COMMITMENT TO "REVOLUTION" AND STRUGGLE FOR DEVELOPMENT IN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

2. AT AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE, PRESIDENT SIAD BARRE WAS ASKED ABOUT SOVIET BASE IN SOMALIA. HE DEVOTED MOST OF CONFERENCE TO REPLY. SIAD BARRE INVITED REPORTER WHO POSED QUESTION TO COME AND SEE FOR HIMSELF WHETHER BASE EXISTS OR NOT, THEN DECLARED FLATLY IT DOES NOT. "IT IS ALL SIMPLY IMPERIALIST INTOXICATION," HE SAID. SIAD BARRE WENT ON TO ASSERT THAT ANY COUNTRY WHICH ACCEPTS FOREIGN BASE ON ITS  
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SOIL BECOMES "VIRTUALLY A VASSAL OF THE FOREIGN POWER",

AND THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD NEVER PUT ITSELF AT DISPOSAL OF ANY OTHER COUNTRY FOR A BASE. HE DECLARED HE HAD SENT LETTER TO PRESIDENT FORD INVITING HIM TO SEND DELEGATION OF U.S. SENATORS TO SEE FOR THEMSELVES ON SITE WHETHER OR NOT SO-CALLED SOVIET BASE EXISTS.

3. RATSIRAKA, WHO PRACTICALLY INTERRUPTED SIAD BARRE'S LONG REPLY TO QUESTION ON SOVIET BASE IN SOMALIA, HIMSELF SAID NOTHING ON SUBJECT. HE CLOSED CONFERENCE WITH EXPRESSION BEST WISHES FOR SUCCESS FOR SOMALI "REVOLUTION" AND REMARKS ON COMMON "REVOLUTIONARY" TIES LINKING SOMALIA AND MADAGASCAR.  
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